

But I think that the impact of Dr MacRae's life may be seen most clearly in two emphases which he has consistently maintained over the past 50 years -- his faithfulness to the inerrancy of all that Scriptures teach, coupled with his stress upon the maintenance of vital spiritual life, manifesting itself (among other ways) in his carefulness to proclaim the gospel in every message that he has delivered.

I am certain that I speak for everyone gathered here tonight when I say to Dr MacRae:

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS,
WE CANNOT REWARD EXCELLENCE;
WE CAN ONLY RECOGNIZE IT.
THEREFORE, DR MACRAE,
WE TAKE THIS OCCASION
TO RECOGNIZE THE PERVASIVE
EXCELLENCE OF YOUR LIFE,
AND THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
WHICH YOU HAVE MADE TO
BIBLICAL SCHOLARSHIP,
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION, AND
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DURING
50 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY!
DR MACRAE, WE HONOR YOU TONIGHT!